

WOMEN SCHOLARS.

President M. CAREY THOMAS of Bryn Mawr is convinced that the great social revolution which is upon us, "of which universal woman suffrage is "only one small part," will give to women "equal opportunity in every field "of human effort, including teaching "and research." But Miss THOMAS recognizes handicaps. In her address yesterday, at the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of Mount Holyoke College, she said:

It is not fair to find fault with men. The life of the intellect and spirit has been lived only by men. The world of scholarship and research has been a man's world. Men mistrust women's ability to breathe this keener air. And in a sense they are right. Very few women—or men—can maintain scholarly research and enthusiastic teaching throughout a lifetime without se-

portunity to compete for living salaries and honorable recognition.

Besides their lower salaries, there is the "horrible alternative" continually forced upon scholarly women, if they would marry, of abandoning the work for which they have spent half a lifetime in fitting themselves. It is quite unnecessary, Miss THOMAS contends. "At Bryn Mawr," she says, "we have never closed the engagement of a woman professor because of marriage." And she tells of the paradise on earth found by a young woman scholar, whose husband was called to teach in the college, upon resuming her classes and long hours of intellectual effort. By reason of the peculiar qualities of her sex—patience, dogged persistence, unswerving pursuit of the thing itself, and a sort of self-sacrificing devotion manifested in other fields in which she competes successfully with men—the President of Bryn Mawr trusts that woman will ultimately win equality with men as scholar and teacher.
